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SUBJECT: PRO-PRC HONG KONG DAILY CITES TAIWAN PAPER ON U.S.-CHINA
RELATIONS

1. IN ISSUE MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF 1947 TAIWAN UPRISING, PRO-PRC CHINESE LANGUAGE HONGKONG COMMERCIAL DAILY TODAY RUNS STORY HEADLINED: "TAIWAN OFFICIAL ENGLISH PAPER ALARMED: MOVEMENT IN U.S. TO WIPE OUT CHIANG." EXCERPTS FOLLOW:
 2. QUOTE AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "QUIETLY BUT DANGEROUSLY" APPEARED IN FEB. 22 KMT ENGLISH PAPER "CHINA DAILY" IN TAIPEI DISCUSSING U.S.-PEKING RELATIONS.
 3. SUBQUOTE A QUIET MOVEMENT IS BEING CARRIED ON IN THE U.S. TO SHIFT AMERICANS FRIENDLY FEELING FOR THE ROC TO THE PRC. ONE AIM OF THE MOVEMENT IS TO MAKE PEOPLE BRUSH THE ROC OFF LIGHTLY OR CONTEMPTUOUSLY, SAYING THAT IT IS "ONLY A SMALL ISLAND WITH A FEW MILLION PEOPLE."
 4. BEHIND THE MOVEMENT IS THE INTENTIONAL ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR PEOPLE TO THINK THAT IT IS INEVITABLE FOR THE U.S. TO
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RECOGNIZE PEKING AND SEVER DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY RELATIONS WITH

THE ROC.

5. NO-ONE CAN PROVE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PLOT. PERHAPS IT IS NOT. BUT FACTS ARE THAT IN USG STATEMENTS, INCLUDING SPEECHES MADE BY HIGH OFFICIALS AND IN NEWS AND FEATURE REPORTS IN VOA PROGRAMS, WHENEVER COMMUNIST CHINA IS MENTIONED, GOOD THINGS ARE ALWAYS PLAYED UP TO FULL EXTENT WHILE ANYTHING ON THE ROC HAS BEEN CAUTIOUSLY AVOIDED. END SUBQUOTE. END QUOTE.

6. THE EDITORIAL, IN HKCD'S VERSION, CONCLUDES THAT THE FRIENDS OF THE ROC -- LIKE SENATOR GOLDWATER RECENTLY -- HAVE BEEN FORCED TO TAKE A DEFENSIVE POSITION BY THE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY THE PRC HAS BEEN RECEIVING.
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